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ONLY 12 Shopping Days Till Xmas.

..Ring Values for Xmas..

A mistaken idea enters the minds of some people that prices always advance at Xmas time. They may in some stores, we know not, but we know they do not in this store. We buy in large quantities and grasp all bargain opportunities for the festive season. Nowhere is this more noticeable than in our Ring values.

SOLID GOLD

5-Stone Opal Rings, \$200; 3-Stone White Pearl, \$150; Diamond Rings, as low as \$15.00; Ruby Rings, 75c and \$1.00. Give something as a Xmas Gift that is worthy and enduring; something that will last a lifetime and be a reminder of life's greatest occasions—and of you—a Finger Ring. Select yours to-day. We will lay aside for you.

STORE REMAINS OPEN EVENINGS.

Challoner & Mitchell.

...Saturday's Bargain...

SHERRIFF'S JELLY POWDERS

4 PACKAGES 25c

ALL FLAVORS.

DIXIE H. ROSS & CO.,

CASH GROCERS.

Union store. The only Store not in the combine.

SEVERAL SMALL LOTS

Stock-Taking Sale Wallpapers

At Half Price

To clear out before stocktaking this month.

J. W. MELLOR & CO., LIMITED, 78 FORT STREET.

White Middlings

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CAR LOT OF WHITE'S AMERICAN MIDDINGS.

SYLVESTER FEED CO.,

TELEPHONE 413. 87 and 89 YATES STREET.

LOCAL NEWS.

There will be a social gathering of High school teachers, pupils, their parents and trustees in the assembly room of the High school next Thursday. The object of the meeting is to stimulate interest in the work of the school. The school authorities will do their utmost to make the evening a pleasant one for all present.

As announced in another column an Association football match will be played to-morrow between the Y. M. C. A. and Moana teams. The personnel of the former team will be as follows: Goal, Whyte; backs, Batty and Ritchie; half backs, Connor, Northcott and Wilson; forwards, Orkney, Allitt, Davidson, Robertson and Hooker.

Steamer Moana will be ready to vacate the dry dock for H. M. S. Flora to-night. The temporary repairs to the plates forward will have been completed. In the meantime 200 tons of men from the Esquimaux Marine railway are busy preparing the coal dam to be adjusted to the ship's stern in order to carry out the nudertaking on the steamer.

The Victoria West amateurs presented "The Vagabond," a drama written by Chas. Townsend, in Semple's hall last night in a most creditable manner. There was a good attendance, and the various parts were admirably portrayed. At the end of the first act a solo was rendered in fine style by J. G. Brown, while other selections, specialties, etc., were given by members of the society during the inter-

PLAINTIFF'S CASE ALMOST COMPLETE

FURTHER EVIDENCE GIVEN BY RELATIVES

Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir Owing to Ill Health Will Give Testimony at Home.

The interest at the Hopper vs. Dunsmuir trial yesterday afternoon was increased by the fact that Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper had indicated that he would call some of the Dunsmuir family as witnesses.

Before this, however, the defence had one witness called, who was anxious to get away to San Francisco.

Harry D. W. Norton, of San Francisco, contractor and builder, had been the carpenter contractor for building the house at San Leandro. He was there from June, 1899, and for nearly a year afterwards. He saw Alexander Dunsmuir there nearly daily for some time. Alexander seemed very weak, physically, but he appeared a keen, shrewd man, who knew what he wanted. Alexander took a great deal of interest in the building. The stables were built without reference to an architect. This stable cost \$9,000, and witness took his instructions from Mr. Dunsmuir. They discussed the question of cost, and Mr. Dunsmuir showed he knew what he wanted. Witness had no trouble to understand Dunsmuir, and detailed other conversations with him on business subjects. Alexander was very decided when he had made up his mind. His remarks at all times in dealing with witness were those of an intelligent, observing man. On the 8th or 9th of December, 1899, a few days before Alexander Dunsmuir went east for the last time, witness had a business transaction with him. He did not find it true that Dunsmuir was disconnected or mumbled in his talk.

In cross-examination witness said he saw Alexander the worst for liquor about once a week.

He also, in answer to questions by Mr. Duff, said Alexander Dunsmuir was somewhat abrupt in his ways, and his business conversations were short.

Mrs. Snowden, daughter of Mrs. Joan Olive Dunsmuir, and sister of the late Alexander Dunsmuir, stated that in 1892 she went to San Francisco because her brother was in a dangerous condition there from drink. From this she knew he did not discontinue drinking. In September, 1898, Alexander was at his mother's house in this city. He had become very bent and shabby, and he had one instance in particular. It was very difficult to carry on a conversation with him at that period, whether he was sober or intoxicated. He had become worse and worse from year to year. It was impossible almost to speak with him. She had spoken to her brother James about it, and suggested that it was dangerous having Alexander locked up after the business in San Francisco.

Cross-examined by Mr. Davis, witness repeated her statements regarding Alexander's condition.

In answer to a question, witness said she and James Dunsmuir were not on speaking terms.

Sir C. H. Tupper wanted the witness to state why she and James Dunsmuir did not speak, but as the court thought it perhaps needless to go into this subject, Sir Hibbert did not press for an answer.

Mrs. Chaplin, another sister, said that in 1890 she observed Alexander's drinking habits, and noticed this through different years. In 1898 she noticed a great change in him from the last time she saw him. James Dunsmuir and the rest of the family knew of the trouble. She found it impossible to carry on a conversation with Alexander at that time. She had never noticed him so bad before as in 1898.

Mr. Davis put the same question to her regarding the relations with James Dunsmuir that he had put to the previous witness. The witness remained silent, and Mr. Davis did not press the question.

Sir Hibbert Tupper, however, insisted then on asking the reason why James Dunsmuir and his sisters were not on speaking terms, and recalled Mrs. Snowden, who stated that James Dunsmuir had coerced his mother into giving him the property, and then led her such a life that the sisters would not speak to him.

The court then adjourned till this morning.

This Morning's Proceedings.

The evidence for the plaintiff was completed this morning with the exception of one or two witnesses, who may possibly yet be examined. It was also decided to have Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir examined at her home, owing to her illness.

Reginald Chaplin, son-in-law of Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir, saw Alex. Dunsmuir at Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir's residence in 1898, and when introduced to him Alexander muttered. Witness left the room, thinking it very odd his brother-in-law did not speak to him. He met Alexander once a little later on the street, and said good-bye to him, but could get no answer. He believed Alexander was sober on both occasions.

In cross-examination witness said the Dunsmuir family have strange opinions, and at present are quarrelling. "Our side of the family are not quarrelling," he said, but he considered James Dunsmuir's family in "the other case."

Mrs. Henry Croft, the next witness, in

1892 saw Alexander Dunsmuir in San Francisco for a fortnight, at least once a day. She thought him very peculiar then. She next saw him some time between then and 1895 several times, but not long at a time. She considered on those occasions that his brain was not as clear as it used to be.

To this last question Mr. Davis objected.

She had conversations that made her know Alexander was not in his right mind.

Here there were more objections by Mr. Davis, and Mr. Duff, on the other hand, maintained that they were the same kind of questions as Mr. Davis put yesterday.

In 1895 witness saw Alexander for about a week. On one occasion Alexander said "Jim is trying to cheat me." His temper was very violent, and it was difficult to carry on conversation with him. He had said something cracked in his head and talked about it for some time.

In 1898 witness saw Alexander again in Victoria. He was not connected in his talk, and had hallucinations. He thought once that a drink she was giving him was poisoned, and asked her to taste it, and as a secret told her that he had hundreds of thousands of dollars in boxes unknown to James, who would try and take it from him. He was not delirious when he made these remarks. His condition was worse in 1898 than in 1895. He would talk quite intelligently, and then would say something very stupid or silly. James had told her mother that Alexander was not in a condition to manage the San Francisco business, as liquor was affecting his brain.

In cross-examination by Mr. Davis, witness asked to give instances of Alexander's conduct, mentioned one at the stage and talked in such a way that she asked to be taken home. So far as her opinion went she found in 1898 that he could not carry on an intelligent conversation, as after a few minutes the hallucinations in his brain would show themselves. James Dunsmuir had told her several times that Alexander was unable to look after the business in San Francisco.

Capt. Edward Palmer, formerly secretary of the Union Club, saw Alex. Dunsmuir at the club several years ago. He drank very freely. Alexander's muddled condition witness did not know whether to attribute to liquor or not.

Henry R. Burroughes met Alexander Dunsmuir once in the summer of 1893 at the Union Club. Witness then was an agent for champagne. His object in meeting Alexander was to ask him to assist in starting this brand of champagne in California. Alexander apparently did not pay any attention to the subject when it was broached. It was impossible to talk to him with him. His speech was very involved and fuddled.

Judith's counsel then put in portions of defendant's examination before the registrar, showing that he will have been executed by Alexander Dunsmuir at San Leandro, and that defendant had paid Wilson & Wilson for probating it. The court then rose for lunch.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

Notices That Appear in This Week's Issue of the Government Publication.

In this week's Official Gazette notice is given that S. A. Fisher, of Westminster, has been appointed to enquire into the management of the Provincial Home at Kamloops. The first sitting will be held at Kamloops on December 10th.

R. H. Parkinson, of Fairview, and E. Bullock-Webster, of Keremes, have been appointed license commissioners for the Southern Yale district, vice L. W. Shafford and R. L. Caverton, resigned.

Isaac Herd, of Lansdowne, has been appointed license commissioner for Northeast Yale, vice P. Appleton, resigned.

Certificates of incorporation are published of the Lander Odd Fellows' Building Company; capital, \$5,000. Lardner-Dunsmuir Mines, Company; capital, \$15,000, and the International Ice & Storage Company, of Vancouver; capital, \$100,000.

McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard give notice of application to be made to the legislature to revive the Pacific Northern & Eastern Railway Act, 1903.

A Court of Revision for the Kettle River assessment district will be held at Fairview on December 22nd.

T. B. Ryndman & R. G. Buchanan, crockery and glassware merchants, of Vancouver, have dissolved partnership.

Notice is given that the plans of the proposed line of the Pacific Northern & Eastern railway from Skeena river to Kitimat Arm have been filed.

ESTABLISHED POLICE POST.

Supt. Constantine Tells of His Journey to the Mackenzie.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—The government has received from Supt. Constantine, of the Northwest Mounted Police, a report of the journey he made to Mackenzie river, where he established a post for the preservation of law and order, and the collection of customs duties from American whalers or local traders who bring supplies. The journey from Athabasca to Port Macpherson, distance 1,854 miles, was accomplished partly by canoe and partly by steamer. The party left Athabasca on June 1st, and arrived at Macpherson on July 14th. Supt. Constantine does not consider Macpherson a suitable place for a post, as whalers have left Herschel Island and gone to Ballie Island, three hundred miles east. Supt. Constantine says that the only way that the revenue can be protected in these waters is by an armed revenue cutter with a strong crew.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is a boon to any home. It disinfects and cleans at the same time.

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FLORA PREPARING TO COME SOUTH

RECOUNTING GUNS AND TAKING ON COAL

The Cruiser Is in a Much Better Condition Than Was Expected.

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Nanaimo, Dec. 11.—According to Admiral Bickford, who arrived here last night from Village Island, the floating of the Flora was disappointing from a spectacular standpoint. A very heavy fog hung over everything between nine and ten in the morning, when the Grafton was made fast to the stranded ship. At ten minutes before ten the signal was sent to the engine rooms of both vessels, and the Grafton steamed ahead while the Flora, with engines reversed, did the best to help herself off the reef.

The vessel began to move, but only those on board knew this so far as seeing which separated the two ships, was sufficient to hide the Flora completely from the Grafton. Faster and faster moved the Flora, until, with the Grafton going almost at full speed ahead, she glided gracefully clear of the reef into calm water.

The Flora now lies at Union Bay alongside of the flagship in a much better condition than was expected. She is making little water, but this is easily kept under by the pumps. It is doubtful, says Admiral Bickford, if she would ever have got off at all had it not been for her double bottom and wooden sheathing, which prevented the bottom from being torn out of her. It is still more doubtful if she would ever have been got off at all had she gone on the jagged rocks but a few yards further south of Village point.

To-day and to-morrow will be devoted to rephilling the coal and recounting the heavy guns, when it is expected the Flora will leave for Esquimaux under her own steam, conveyed by the flagship.

Although hampered by the fog during the time the Flora lay on the reef, the admiral says that they were very lucky in respect of the weather, otherwise, as it continued calm for the entire period.

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Christmas Goods

Our stock this season comprises a nice line of Toller Sets in Ebony, French Stag, etc. Mirrors, Military Brushes, Atomizers and Perfumes, etc., etc., from all the leading makers. Make your choice early and get the pick of our large stock.

Campbell's Prescription Store, COR. FORT AND DOUGLAS STS.

What About Electric Light This Fall?

Before Xmas is the time to have the work done so that you may have the benefit of the light during the holidays. Our offer to assist in the wiring of rented houses will close in a few days.

B. G. ELECTRIC RAILWAY CO., LD., 35 YATES STREET.

THE QUEEN HAD NARROW ESCAPE

ALARMING OUTBREAK OF FIRE AT SANDRINGHAM

Floor of Her Majesty's Bedroom Collapsed Shortly After She Left the Apartment.

London, Dec. 10.—A fire occurred at Sandringham, and Queen Alexandra and her secretary, Miss Knollys, had a narrow escape.

It broke out at 5 o'clock this morning in Miss Knollys's bedroom in the chimney flue, where a beam is supposed to have been amoudering for some days, and spread to the bedroom of the Queen, who was asleep at the time. She was awakened by Miss Knollys, who raised an alarm, but the fire obtained a good hold of both rooms, and considerable damage was done before it was extinguished. The outbreak caused a great deal of excitement at Sandringham, where a number of guests are staying at present.

The reference customary at Sandringham was observed in connection with the fire. From later information, however, it appears that Queen Alexandra had a narrow escape than the first accounts of the fire indicate. Miss Knollys was fortunately awakened by the smoke in her bedroom, which is immediately below the chamber of Her Majesty. Miss Knollys rushed upstairs to the Queen, who was clad only in a dressing gown, and escaped from the burning room not a moment too soon, as the floor of the Queen's apartment collapsed almost immediately, carrying with it Her Majesty's bed.

The alarm raised by Miss Knollys soon brought the household fire brigade, which began the work of extinguishing the fire. Sir Dighton MacNaughten, P. M., keeper of the petty pass and extra entry to the King, also arrived and took charge of the operations. Queen Alexandra, who displayed the utmost composure, remained with Miss Knollys near the scene, and it was ascertained that there was no further danger of the fire spreading.

An examination of the apartments showed that more damage was done by water than by fire. A large number of the Queen's knick-knacks and some of her charming furniture was spoiled. The fire was confined to the two bedrooms. It is not stated that the trouble originated in a defective electric light, wires which set fire to a beam between the ceiling of Miss Knollys's bedroom and the floor of Her Majesty's apartments.

MURDERER GAINS LIBERTY

Locked Guards in Cell and Made His Escape—Burglars Set Fire to Store.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—Burglars broke into the fish and game store of Henry Gatehouse last night, and after wrecking the cash register and finding only a few cents, set fire to the building. A big storm was raging at the time and delayed the arrival of the fire brigade, and before the blaze had been extinguished considerable damage had been done. Loss, \$7,000.

Change of Officials

W. L. Wanklyn today resigned the vice-presidency and general management of the street railway company to accept the vice-presidency of the Dominion Coal Company with a managerial position. He was succeeded as vice-president of the street railway company by K. W. Brachwell, while W. G. Ross became the managing director. Duncan McDonald is manager and Patrick Dube, secretary.

Bank Clearings

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—The Winnipeg bank clearings for the week ending 10th Dec. 1903, were \$2,019,070; same week, last year, \$2,458,903; same week 1901, \$4,820,399.

Daring Escape

A Calgary dispatch says: Ernest Cashel, the murderer of Rufus Bell, made a most

Advertisement for Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, featuring an illustration of a man and the text 'DYSPEPSIA IS CURED BY DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY IT MAKES WEAK STOMACHS STRONG'.



SPORTING THE HUNT. REGULAR MEET. The regular meet of the Victoria Hunt Club will be held to-morrow at the Royal Oaks.

HOCKEY. VICTORIA V. HIGH SCHOOL. To-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock the Victoria second eleven will meet the High school at Oak Bay. The Victoria team will be picked from the following: Dalby, G. Wensley, Carne, Gowen, W. Wensley, W. Herring, Mullens, Swinerton, Little, Hayward, R. MacInn and A. Fitcher.

RUGBY FOOTBALL. VICTORIA V. NANAIMO. At the Caledonia grounds to-morrow afternoon a league match will be played between the Victoria and Nanaimo teams. Play will commence at 3 o'clock promptly. The teams follow: Victoria—K. Gillespie, full back; McLeod, Schofield, H. Gillespie and Patton, three-quarters; Millman and A. Gillespie, half backs; MacIain, Corwall, Grundy, Austin, Cullin, Kennedy, Maclean and Mitchell, forwards.

NANAIMO—D. Ferguson, full back; W. Marshall, W. Graham, A. Stewart and Ed. Marshall, three-quarters; E. Snowden and R. Simpson, half backs; O. Randall, H. Wilkinson, J. Killean, C. Killean, A. Wearing, O. Dobson, H. Snowden and H. May, forwards; reserve, C. Bamford.

INTERMEDIATE PRACTICE. An intermediate practice will be held to-morrow afternoon, commencing at about 4.45 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. Y. M. C. A. V. MOANA. A match will be played to-morrow at Beacon Hill between the Y. M. C. A. team and an eleven selected from the crew of the H. M. S. Moana. The game will take place on the lower grounds, and will commence about 3 o'clock.

FINAL JUNIOR MATCH. The final match of the junior league will be played at Beacon Hill to-morrow between the Capital and Central teams. These two teams stand highest in the league, and there is only a single point between them, the Central school eleven having this advantage. The kick off takes place at 1.30 o'clock.

VICTORIA V. GARRISON. The Victoria and Garrison teams will try conclusions at Beacon Hill to-morrow afternoon. If the local eleven wins the game they will have a good lead in the fight for the championship, and should the soldiers prove victorious they will have won the league. The kick off will take place at 2.45 sharp. The teams follow: Garrison—Goal, Harvey; full backs, Rivers and Mitchell; half backs, Ward, Fairless (capt.) and Price; forwards, Wilks, Thompson, Johnson, Taylor and Clinch.

VICTORIA—Goal, F. Jones; backs, H. A. Goward (capt.) and S. Lorimer; half backs, W. York, N. Gowen and Thompson; forwards, L. York, B. Tye, H. Pettigrew, J. Loetimer and D. E. Menzies. F. Richardson will act as referee. The league standing follows: Played, Won, Draw, Lost, Pts. Garrison 5 3 2 0 8 Victoria 3 2 0 1 4 Columbus 3 0 2 1 2 Y. M. C. A. 3 0 0 3 0

BASKETBALL. THE PROVINCIAL SCHEDULE. At a meeting of delegates from Vancouver and Victoria some days ago it was decided to form a provincial basketball league. Entries were received from the Y. M. C. A. and F. Y. M. A. of Victoria, and the Vancouver Basketball Club and 6th Regiment, both of Vancouver.

A cup is being put up by a Vancouver jeweler to be used by the club winning most points in the series. A win will count two points and a draw one point. The J. B. A. A. and F. Y. M. A. will play in Victoria, the games these teams contest in the city league being counted in the provincial schedule. The first of these games is that taking place to-morrow evening at the drill hall. This match will therefore count to the winners as a win in both city and inter-city leagues, which will of course make it the more exciting, as there will be a double result awaiting the winners.

The provincial schedule follows: Dec. 12th—F. Y. M. A. vs. J. B. A. A., in Victoria. Dec. 16th—6th Regiment, Vancouver, vs. F. Y. M. A., in Victoria. Jan. 9th—J. B. A. A. vs. V. B. B. C., in Vancouver. Jan. 23rd—F. Y. M. A. vs. 6th Regiment, Vancouver, in Vancouver. Jan. 29th—V. B. B. C. vs. J. B. A. A., in Victoria. Feb. 6th—J. B. A. A. vs. F. Y. M. A., in Victoria. Feb. 13th—F. Y. M. A. vs. V. B. B. C., in Vancouver. Feb. 20th—6th Regiment, Vancouver, vs. J. B. A. A., in Victoria. March 5th—V. B. B. C. vs. F. Y. M. A., in Victoria. March 12th—J. B. A. A. vs. 6th Regiment, Vancouver, in Vancouver.

The games between the 6th Regiment and the Vancouver Basketball Club will take place at the Terminal City. J. B. A. A. v. F. Y. M. A. To-morrow evening a match will take place at the drill hall between the J. B. A. A. and F. Y. M. A. senior teams, commencing at about 8.30 o'clock. The respective teams follow: J. B. A. A.—Guards, Pettigrew (capt.) and Finlayson; centre, K. Hughes; forwards, Belger and R. Peden. F. Y. M. A.—Guards, Shotbolt and Jones; centre, W. Peden; forwards, Dalby and Gallop.

VICTORIA WEST WON. The most closely contested match played in Victoria this season took place last evening at the V. W. A. A. hall between the James Bay and Victoria West, the latter team winning by 11 points to 9. Play commenced at about 8 o'clock, and

It was soon evident that the teams were most evenly balanced. Checking was very close, and at times became rough. As a result the boys were awarded a four point after play started, which was converted by T. Peden. The game continued for some 15 minutes without any evident advantage to either side. Finally, however, the boys were successful in scoring from the field. From this time until the finish of the first half they outplayed their opponents, scoring 7 points to 3. In the second half, up to within three minutes of time, the James boys held their lead, but that was all. Both aggregations scored once during that time. During the last three minutes, however, the Victoria West forwards outplayed their checks and scored twice from the field. As the score was even, play continued for 5 minutes longer, and the result was that the V. W. A. A. team won by two points, as already stated. Charles Fairall acted as referee.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS. Fifteen injured and one dead is the result of the wrecking of a eastbound Panhandle flyer, at New Cumberland Junction, Ohio. The wreck was caused by a defective switch. A jury at Cadillac, Mich., found Mrs. Mary McKnight guilty of the murder of her brother, John Murphy, by poisoning. Mrs. McKnight was sentenced to life imprisonment. A dispatch to the New York Sun from London says: "The son of Balfe, the composer, has made an appeal for assistance. He hopes to secure money enough to buy a barrel organ, upon which he can play his father's compositions in the streets."

The Norwegian parliament has awarded the annual Nobel peace prize, \$39,150, to William R. Cremer, M. P., publisher of Arbitrator, of London, for his work in behalf of international arbitration. The prize for physics is divided between Henri Becquerel, of Norway and M. and Mme. Curie, of Paris. The chemical prize goes to the Swedish Professor Arrhenius; the medical prize to Dr. Finson, of Denmark, and the prize for literature to Bjornstjerne Bjornsen, the Norwegian poet. These prizes amount to about \$4,000 each.

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Victoria, Dec. 11—5 a. m.—The weather has become unsettled on the North Pacific Coast, and rain has extended southward to Oregon, while over the eastern portion of these states several inches of snow has fallen. A moderate cold wave which has appeared over Alberta is spreading eastward towards Manitoba.

Forecast.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday, Victoria and vicinity—Easterly to southerly winds, unsettled, with occasional rains. Lower Mainland—Continued unsettled, with rain or sleet.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.05; temperature, 40; minimum, 30; wind, calm; rain, .11; weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, calm; rain, .10; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, 32; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 22; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

**San Francisco—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 48; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, cloudy.
Edmonton—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, 4; minimum, 4; wind, 12 miles N.; snow, .02; weather, clear.**

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Charnier from Vancouver—Mr Rogers, W D Keywood, Mr Robertson and wife, W R Wilson, A Appel, J A Pansie, Wm Beitz, Mrs McCusker, J L Reves, W W Brown, D L Reader, J Christie, A C Sparrow, Dr H E Lange, F Stundt, W Henderson, F H Worlock, Major Dupont, E V Badwell, E Breen, A Schröder, M J Boscovitz, B J Kerr, E Matheson, Mrs Costello, Prof Don Jouty, J W Spring, J S Williams, Mrs Vanier and children, Mrs Bousie, Mr Hayward and wife, H Welsh.

Per steamer Inopina from Island Ports—John Woodruff, D Maxwell, G Fisher, Miss Cavendish, Rev D F Wilson, Mrs Wilson, E C Crofton, G Townsley.

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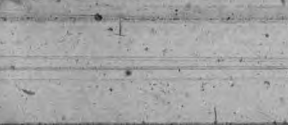
MILITARY MATTERS.

Events of the Present Week in Regimental Circles.

Members of the Fifth Regiment are requested to take note of the following programme for the week, which will be published from day to day with the elimination of the various events as they occur:

Friday. Target practice with gallery ammunition.
Saturday. Band concert.

The Italian ship Gavour, lumber laden for East London, South Africa, which went ashore at Peacock Spit, is now a total loss. The cargo has drifted out to sea and only the ribs of the ship are now to be seen.



Wood's Phosphatine is sold in Victoria at all responsible druggists.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

CHANGES PROMISED IN TIMBER TAXATION

The Government Will Reduce It Eighty Per Cent. on Crown Granted Lands.

Victoria, Dec. 10th.
In the legislature this afternoon it became doubtful who undertook the greatest responsibility for the legislation, the Premier or J. H. Hawthornthwaite. It was a virtual free fight between the members of the government and the Socialist members. It became a mutual admiration society at stages. At one time what was doubtless intended to be a very effective dialogue between the Premier and the member for Nanaimo fell very flat, owing to the stilted style in which it was carried through. Members on both sides of the House could not repress their smiles as the Socialist member, without any introduction as an excuse for it, rose and asked if railway companies had protested against the railway assessment. The Premier, with his message from Sir Thos. Shuaghnessy, followed. The performance lacked spirit owing to the lack of art evidenced by the participants.
To W. W. B. McInnes fell the duty again of administering a severe rebuke to the member for Nanaimo for the fulsome praise heaped by him upon the government.

Prayers were read by Rev. W. Leslie Clay.

Petition.
A. H. B. Mearns presented a petition from E. P. Bremner praying that timber licenses be made transferrable under the Land Act.

Reports.
The Premier presented a report containing all correspondence, etc., in connection with the recent matter in the Fernie election.
The Attorney-General also presented a report on same subject to the apparent surprise of the Premier. It was suggested that the two be joined.

First Readings.
The following bills were introduced, read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow:
By Hon. Mr. Taitow, a bill entitled "An Act to amend the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Act." Also a bill entitled "An Act for the Protection of Insectivorous and other Birds."

Motions Carried.
On the motion of John Oliver, seconded by J. A. Macdonald, it was resolved, "that an order of the House be granted for a return showing the number of ballot papers actually issued to voters in each electoral district of the province at the general election held on the 3rd day of October, 1903. Also showing the number of votes cast for each candidate in the various electoral districts."
On the motion of Stuart Henderson, seconded by James Murphy, it was resolved: "That an order of the House be granted for a return of all the assessment rolls in British Columbia outside of municipalities for the year 1903."

On the motion of Stuart Henderson, seconded by James Murphy, it was resolved: "That an order of the House be granted for copies of all correspondence between the government, or any member thereof, and any other person or persons re the taxation of the Canadian Pacific railway, or any other railway or railroads in the province, and any reports or commissions bearing on this subject, extending over the years 1885 to 1903."
John Houston asked the Premier the following questions: 1. Was there a reserve on the land in block 4,593 and block 4,594, East Kootenay, at any time between June 3rd, 1903, and October 3rd, 1903? 2. If so, for what purpose? 3. Has a reserve been placed on the land in block 4,593 and block 4,594, East Kootenay, since October 3rd, 1903? 4. If so, for what purpose?

Hon. R. McBride replied as follows: 1. Yes, on block 4,593, but not on block 4,594; 2. The reserve was established by an order-in-council, approved on 11th August, 1890. The purpose is not mentioned therein, but a further order-in-council, approved 6th May, 1891, reserves and sets apart the same parcel of land as an initial block in the grant to be made to the British Columbia Southern Railway Company; 3. No; 4. Answered by the reply to No. 3.

James Murphy asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions: 1. What was the original estimate for the construction of the Chimney Creek bridge? 2. What amount has been expended on construction of same to date? 3. What amount has been expended on approaches to same to date? 4. What is the estimated cost of the completion of the said bridge and approaches? 5. Did the government during the past summer conduct a boarding house in connection with the building of said bridge? 6. Were provisions for such boarding house purchased from Indians? 7. At what rate were employed on said bridge charged for board during the past summer? 8. Were employees on said bridge during the past summer engaged at a certain rate of wages and paid off at a lesser rate?

Hon. R. Green replied as follows: "1. \$40,000, approximately, in 1901; 2. \$85,057.78; 3. \$6,000; 4. \$5,050.49; 4 1/2 miles road approaches; 5. Yes; 6. One instance only 3,200 pounds potatoes; 7. \$5 per week; 8. No."
John Oliver asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions: 1. Has the Vancouver & Coast-Kootenay Railway Company

given the security required by section 4, sub-section (c), chapter 9, 1902? 2. If so, what is the nature of the security furnished? 3. Has the Vancouver & Coast-Kootenay Railway Company commenced work as provided by section 4, sub-section (a)? 4. If so, when did the company commence work, and in what does the work of construction consist? 5. Is the work being diligently prosecuted to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council?
Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows: "1. No; 2. Answered by No. 1; 3. No; 4 and 5. Answered by No. 3."
Mr. Oliver asked the Premier the following questions: 1. Why was the name of M. S. Wade of Kamloops omitted from the list of employees dismissed by the government? 2. Are there any other omissions? 3. Why were the services of A. L. Kendall, physician, Surrey, dismissed with?
Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows: "1. Unintentionally omitted; 2. Not to my knowledge; 3. With others, on the ground of economy."
Mr. Oliver asked the Premier the following questions: 1. Is Mr. Lane, of Mission City, a constable in the employ of the provincial government? 2. If so, what salary does Mr. Lane receive? 3. What are his duties? 4. Is Mission City included in an incorporated municipality? 5. Is it the custom of the government to maintain provincial constables in rural municipalities?
Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows: "1. Yes; 2. \$60 per month; 3. The usual duties of a provincial constable; 4. No; 5. No, but the custom has been departed from in this instance, as Mission City is a railway junction, and is a convenient point at which to have a provincial constable, in order to intercept offenders escaping to the United States."
Mr. Oliver asked the Minister of Finance the following questions: 1. Did Mr. J. Gilbert act as stenographer for the government in the matter of the Columbia & Western investigation? 2. Was Mr. J. Gilbert a salaried employee in the service of the government at the same time? 3. What was the total amount paid for the services of stenographers in connection with the Columbia & Western investigation? 1. To whom was this amount paid?
Hon. R. G. Taitow replied as follows: "1. No; 2. Mr. J. Gilbert acted on behalf of A. M. Jones; 2. Yes; 3. \$700 on account; 4. A. M. Jones."
Mr. Oliver asked the Premier the following questions: 1. What amount of money was paid out of the provincial treasury by way of aid to sufferers from the floods on the Fraser river during the present year? 2. Who were the individuals receiving aid? 3. What was the amount received by each individual?
Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows: "1. \$112,500; 2. transportation companies only received disbursements; 3. answered by No. 2."

Mr. Oliver asked the Provincial Secretary the following questions: 1. Was Mr. John Armstrong sent to jail from the Old Men's Home, Kamloops? If so, for what reason? 2. Was the said John Armstrong discharged from jail, and, if so, in the said John Armstrong's name, is the said John Armstrong living on the charity of the public?
Hon. Mr. McBride read the following memorandum from the Deputy Provincial Secretary: "Memorandum.—The correspondence from Mr. McLean, the superintendent of the Provincial Home, relating to the dismissal of Armstrong has been sent to Mr. Fletcher for his personal and the entries on record of the correspondence do not afford sufficient information to furnish full replies to these questions. I therefore propose to ask Mr. McLean to report fully."
Henry Taitow asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question: Is it the intention of the government to provide in the estimates this session for a new school-house at Saanichton?
Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows: "From information received in report from Inspector Wilson, dated August 6th, 1903, it would appear that there is no present necessity for the erection of a new school-house at South Saanichton. The inspector further reports that with an expenditure of \$250 for repairs, to be carried out during the summer of 1904, the present building can be made to serve for 10 or 12 years longer."

Mr. Oliver asked the Premier the following questions: 1. For what purpose did the Premier and the Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. McPhillips) visit Cassiar and Atlin? 2. Did the Premier and the Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. McPhillips) take part in the late election campaign in Cassiar and Atlin districts? 3. If so, what politics were espoused by the Premier and the Attorney-General? 4. At what points did the Premier and the Attorney-General deliver election addresses in Cassiar and Atlin districts? 5. Under what authority are the election expenses of ministers paid out of the provincial treasury?
Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows: "1. On public business; 2. we addressed meetings at Bella Coola, Essington, Atlin and Discovery; 3. all points touched by steamer Tees; 4. answered by No. 2; 5. no authority."
Mr. Murphy asked the Minister of Finance the following questions: 1. What amount has been paid to A. M. Jones and Justin Gilbert, or to either of them, as stenographers in the Columbia Western inquiry? 2. What amount remains payable to the said A. M. Jones and Justin Gilbert, or either of them, as stenographers in the said inquiry? 3. Who employed the said A. M. Jones and Justin Gilbert as such stenographers on said inquiry? 4. Was the said Justin Gilbert, at the time of the said employment, the official stenographer of the Supreme court, at Victoria, in receipt of a regular monthly salary?
Hon. Mr. Taitow replied as follows: "1. \$700 was paid to A. M. Jones on account; 2. the amount of A. M. Jones's claim is \$2,293, of which \$700 has been paid, leaving a balance of \$1,593, which is subject to consideration for final adjustment. No claim has been made by Justin Gilbert; 3. A. M. Jones was the stenographer appointed by the committee of inquiry; 4. Justin Gilbert, at the time of the inquiry, was official stenographer of the Supreme court at Victoria, and in receipt of a regular monthly salary."

Coal Mines' Regulations.
On the second reading of the bill to amend the Coal Mines' Regulation Act, providing that eight hours from pit

head to pit head shall constitute a day, J. H. Hawthornthwaite said that the question of an eight-hour day in coal mines was not new in the legislature. He proceeded to say that the party he represented was not intending to attempt to reform the present system. The Liberal party undertook to do that. The Conservative party made no great pretensions along that line, yet some of the greatest reforms had been carried out by that party, and therefore he looked to them for help. The Socialists favored peace. They always, on the platform, opposed strikes. To give short days would conduce to peace. He contended that the reform asked for was a reasonable one.
W. R. Ross supported the bill. It applied to a burning question in his constituency where a demand for a change in the law was made. He therefore supported it in order to carry out his election pledges. In addition to this the legislature had always admitted the reasonableness of the eight-hour law for employees in metalliferous mines. If it applied to the latter it should still more be reasonable for coal miners. In England and various parts of the United States this eight-hour law was in force. It was the only way, he believed, by which scientific and rest could be obtained in the province.
J. A. Macdonald said that the bill in itself had his entire sympathy. He could not see why, if they had an eight-hour day for metalliferous miners, it should also be applied to coal miners. Eight hours was long enough for miners to work underground. They had the custom in the Vancouver Island mines, he believed, and saw no reason why employers should not be called upon to make the day eight hours.
Premier McBride praised the stand taken by the member for Nanaimo. It would be well before new coal zones were opened, as the signs of the times indicated, that a uniform system should prevail. He called attention to the fact that an agreement existed between the employers and employees at Fernie which would not expire for about a year. He thought this would be safeguarded by inserting a clause making it non-effective in the Fernie mines until a certain date.
J. H. Hawthornthwaite was of course agreeable to the proposal.
W. W. B. McInnes said that he had on several occasions introduced legislation along the line of that proposed by the member for Nanaimo. It had been opposed by members who were now supporting it, because they hoped by that means to make political capital. The member for Nanaimo intimated that this measure was defeated last year by tactics which members adopted. He wished to say that the cause of its defeat was due to the tactics of the member for Nanaimo. He (Mr. McInnes) had suggested to the member for Nanaimo on that occasion that he bring it in along the same lines as he did this year. The member for Nanaimo had refused to do so, but had surrounded the proposed amendment with other amendments to the effect which made it unacceptable to members of the legislature. Had he introduced as innocent a measure as the present bill last year it would have carried. The business of the member for Nanaimo last year was to make it embarrassing for the government. This year he endeavors to make it as easy as possible for the government. (Government in applause.) The member for Nanaimo did not care for the coal miners particularly. This system was now in force among the miners of Vancouver Island. That was brought about by the trades unions, which the member for Nanaimo so much despised.
But while he (Mr. McInnes) was going to support the bill, yet he wished to call the attention of the legislature to the fact that they had the Conservatives and Socialists, who were diametrically opposed to one another, now working together in the House. This was done by the member for Nanaimo going back on what he advocated before election. He had thrown down the men who supported him in Nanaimo.
He could not go back and be elected by those whom he had duped. The member for Nanaimo could not go back and be elected on such a bill as that now introduced. The speaker said that he did not advocate a strike. But his reason was that he had advocated a greater one. He had represented that they were going to take over the coal mines and the lumber mills, and he was going to be one of the King Bees when this was accomplished. He was to be one of the men with all this wealth. After this bill was printed the speaker in Nanaimo met Socialists who asked: "Was it possible that the speaker had introduced that bill?" This was the member who had sung the Marseillaise at meetings when they refused to sing "God Save the King." Before election the member for Nanaimo had advocated not this but a demand for four hours a day and \$15 at least for that day. The speaker would support the bill because it was on a line with what he wished to have introduced.

Richard Hall said the bill was like most of those brought in by Socialists. It was not intended to help the miners, but to aim a blow at invested interests. The bill was intended to upset the system of work in mines. Some men would under it work five or six hours and take three or four hours to get to their work. He was not surprised to see the government supporting this, because they had to in order to hold power, they were dependent upon the Socialists, they were dependent upon the Socialists, they were dependent upon the Socialists, they were dependent upon the Socialists. The Premier wanted to know what Mr. Hall would offer.
"Never mind," replied Mr. Hall, "you are in the position of responsibility, and you will not remain long in power if you show you have not backbone."
F. Williams called attention to the fact that if a man crawled for a mile through a place not four feet high they would find it was just about as hard as any other work. He pointed out that this was simply getting for the Fernie miners what had been put in force voluntarily by the Vancouver Island companies. The distances to be covered in reaching work were greater in the Vancouver Island mines than at Fernie. The reduction of hours of labor had not resulted in less work being done. It had worked exactly opposite. It worked an improvement in the mental, moral and physical benefit of the men. Six hour days in Northern England, as compared with ten hours in South Wales, had resulted in proving that shorter hours resulted in mining coal at a reduced price.

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A DUTY PERFORMED.

The government is urged by its journalistic supporters to stand to its position and refuse to modify its taxation proposals. But it has given way and made modifications in the Assessment Bill. Possibly the changes have been made in a manner which will give the smallest modicum of satisfaction. The railways are to be given a measure of relief and the taxes upon the output of timber are to be made lighter. The agriculturist will have to struggle along under increased burdens and comfort himself with the reflection, on the suggestion of a minister of wide experience in the industry, but probably more deeply learned in the law, that he has hitherto contributed less than his share towards the treasury of the province.

And what of the merchant? According to a statement prepared by the Victoria Board of Trade, his taxes will go up literally by "leaps and bounds" under the new Assessment Bill. A number of suppositions cases have been prepared for the purpose of illustrating the workings of the measure if it becomes law in its present form. We suppose a great deal depends upon the manner in which the law is administered, but as the condition of the province is held to be desperate, and as the financiers who hold the purse strings also appear to have impressed the government with the extreme gravity of the situation, we suppose every cent possible will be exacted. We doubt not that the figures prepared by the Board of Trade have been submitted to the keenest scrutiny by experts, and that they truly represent the conditions which will follow the passing into law of the Assessment Bill. We have not space to give the matter in full. Those interested should examine the data for themselves. If it be a fact that the increase will range between 100 and 500 per cent, it will be readily perceived that the effect upon the business of the province is likely to be very serious indeed. If the burdens are made too heavy for the people to carry, if the merchants are obliged to impose such prices as will recompense them for the extraordinary exactions of the government, the effect will simply be, as we pointed out last night, to increase the volume of such purchases as can be made outside the province. That is not the way to build up British Columbia. The evil will be two-fold. People will be warned against coming to a country in which the taxation is beyond the power of the people to pay, and there will be an exodus of the unemployed. That is likely to be the effect if the proposed law is enforced as laws upon the statute books should be.

The opposition has done its full duty in the matter. The consequences of the passage of such a law have been pointed out. As many amendments as the Socialists who keep the government in power would consent to have been secured. There is nothing further to do but await events and the arousing of the electors to such a condition of mind as will ensure the execution of justice upon those who are responsible, upon the party which calls itself Conservative, and loves power with an ardor beyond understanding, and upon ministers who would rather ally themselves with the Prince of Darkness himself and draw their salaries and travelling expenses, than confess that they are unable to govern in accordance with the conditions which make for stability and progress, and give way to men who could secure the necessary majority in the legislature.

RECIPROCITY.

John Charlton, M. P., has made a good many speeches in the hope of convincing Americans that reciprocity with Canada would be a desirable thing for all concerned. No doubt it would be a fair measure of reciprocity. But the question has been raised by Canadians, who have been convinced by experience that a fair measure cannot be secured. The

moment our cousins are in a mood to reciprocate with Canada they will give evidence of their change of mind and attitude by throwing a few bricks off the existing tariff wall. That would be regarded in this country as an indication of a disposition to treat with us upon broad lines. When the height of the fence is reduced we shall probably be inclined to lend our ears to the voice of the suppliant, provided we have not made other arrangements which the suggestions of our cousins would jeopardize. The movement in the direction of Imperial unity has commenced. It will not cease until something is done. The colonies are one by one following the example of Canada. The new federation of Australia still stands aloof, but after the pending general election something will assuredly be done there, and if the thing done be the thing expected, we shall have to wait until Great Britain makes up her somewhat inflexible mind. Then there will be a truly magnificent Imperial procession, with Canada at its head. All these things will surely come to pass within the lifetime of men who are nearing the allotted span. But there is no reason why Mr. Charlton should not devote the interval between sessions to the cultivation of his favorite fad. He can secure audiences on the other side now who will listen to him with patience.

The leaders of the reactionary parties in the Legislature are making themselves ridiculous by their childish plays. They hope to deceive the public into the belief that there is no understanding between them—that the members of the Conservative party have not bargained for power at the expense of the welfare of the province and that the Socialist leader has not sold himself to the Premier. There are indications already of what the price is to be. The information upon the point will be fuller later on.

The Colonist is to-day celebrating its forty-fifth birthday. For an old man our contemporary is remarkably hale and hearty. It has not entered upon the serene and yellow stage of existence in company with the political party it so strongly supports, for which blessing both the country and the newspaper are to be congratulated. May the contrast in conditions long continue, and prosperity shower her richest blessings on the country and the paper.

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City News in Brief.

Go to Senate saloon for oyster cocktails.

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There was a good attendance at the regular monthly meeting of the Licensed Vintners' Association, which was held yesterday in Pioneer hall.

This evening Vancouver Lodge, No. 5, A. O. U. W., will discuss the proposal to unite all the lodges of the order in the city. Officers for the ensuing term will also be elected.

GOOD EVENING!

Have some Black and White and soda—the popular drink in London to-day. As supplied the Imperial House of Commons.

The pioneers have a movement on foot to hold a reception in honor of Harry Jones, M. P. P., the Cariboo old-timer, who has recently been elected to the legislature. The date has not yet been fixed.

Geo. Snider has the contract for erecting a store for Terry & Marrett, next to their drug store on Fort street. The front portion will be occupied by W. A. Jameson, and the rear part by Terry & Marrett as a warehouse.

Owing to the dense fog which has prevailed on the Sound, the steamer Senator will be over a day late in sailing for San Francisco this week. She will leave Seattle at 6 o'clock this evening and will sail from Victoria at midnight.

Less than eighty householders and license holders had taken the registration declaration at the assessor's office, city hall, up to noon to-day. There is every indication that the bulk of those of whom this will be required will wait until the last possible moment rather than dislocate a custom which seems to be so firmly established.

The third of the series of Advent organ recitals will be given in St. John's church on Sunday after evening service. The organist will be assisted by the following ladies and gentlemen: Misses E. and D. Sehl, Miss McKenzie, Mr. Gibson, J. G. Brown and Jessie Longfield, who will play a viola solo and take part in an organ duet, the first of which has ever been played at these recitals.

The "High school entrance" examination will be opened on Monday morning next at 9:30 o'clock in the assembly room of the High school building. The city superintendent F. H. Eaton, M. A., will be in charge. There will be about seventy-five candidates from the city schools, but it is impossible to give out the number who will represent the rural districts at present. Four subjects will be taken up on Monday as follows: British history, 9:30 to 10:30 a. m.; Algebra, 10:45 to 12 noon; Canadian history, 1 to 2:15 p. m.; and reading, 2:15 to 3:15 p. m. The schools will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday next.

A Chinaman named Yen Sing was the only occupant of the prisoners' dock in the police court this morning. He was charged with stealing a sack of coal from the E. & N. Co.'s wharf. He was seen carrying his burden in the direction of Fisgard street by Sergeant Walker as he was making his rounds on Store street shortly after midnight, and the officer gave chase. He soon overhauled the Chinaman, who was unable to satisfactorily account for the coal, so he was taken in charge. Investigating further Sergeant Walker found another sack of coal in the rear of the Cold Storage building, the sack being similar to a number which were lying on the wharf. When the charge was read to him the accused pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labor.

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In the Supreme court before the Chief Justice, the case of Johnson vs. Oliver was yesterday decided in favor of the defendant. To-day Ekins vs. B. C. Electric Railway Company is being tried.

If you are not going "home" this Xmas send a portrait, one of the "just-like-you-at-your-best" kind, taken at the Skene-Lowe studio. Sit now; no time to lose.

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The announcement of Wm. McKay's candidature for school trustee appears in the advertisement columns of this paper. Mr. McKay has called a meeting of his supporters for next Tuesday evening in Labor hall, when arrangements for the campaign will be discussed.

The land sale of the Victoria electoral district was held in the parliament buildings this morning. Good prices, in many cases were realized, the 12 per cent. interest to be collected in case of the lands being redeemed, allowed under the act, prompting many to take advantage of it as an investment.

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The Olympia Opera Company presented the trefeful opera "Fra Diavolo" at the Victoria theatre last night. This opera has been given here several times, but this did not prevent those present from thoroughly enjoying the performance. The various solos were rendered in good style, while the chorus fulfilled their part with credit. The role of Fra Diavolo, the robber chieftain, was in the capable hands of Ed. F. Sematos, while Robert G. Plikin and Therese Barker were conspicuous for their portrayal of the roles of Lord and Lady Alcazar respectively. This evening "Olivette" will hold the boards, while to-morrow evening the ever-popular "Chimes of Normandy" will be given. In this latter production Miss Elinore Jenkins, who arrived last evening from the Sound, will sing the part of the countess. To-morrow afternoon as a matinee "La Mascotte" will be presented.

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... bill passed its third reading.

Third Reading.

The amendment to the Evidence Act also passed its third reading.

Assessment Bill.

The House then went into committee on the Assessment Bill with C. W. D. Clifford in the chair. After some slight corrections in the bill the committee rose and the bill was reported complete.

Land Act Amendment.

In moving the second reading of the amendment to the Land Act, the Chief Commissioner said that the clauses referring to pulp reserves had been repealed. There was no disposition apparently to establish pulp mills. Only one company had succeeded in doing so. If industries had been established the sections would not have been repealed. The rentals on timber leases were increased from 15c. to 25c. an acre. It was provided also that the Chief Commissioner should be empowered to appoint another person to report upon disputes. In section 8 he proposed to make some changes in committee from that in the proposed act. He proposed to change the license fee making it start at \$140 west of the Cascades and \$115 east of that range instead of \$100 as at first proposed. He also proposed to change section 9 from what now arranged. The schedule under this section, it was urged, pressed heavily upon holders of crown granted lands. These men had invested large sums in their land. It was not reasonable that these should escape taxation, however. The schedule will be altered so that 10c. a thousand will be charged instead of 50 cents. These dealing in shingle bolts will also be given relief. It was pointed out that there was only 600 feet in a cord of shingle bolts. The shingle men would be taxed 35c. instead of 50c. It was also proposed that the licenses would be made transferrable. An effort had been made to make these licenses renewable. He did not favor this. The province had a great wealth in its timber. Changes would have to be made in the near future, probably next year, which would tend to increase the output from these timber lands. It might be necessary to introduce a law similar to the Ontario Timber Act. To make the licenses renewable would place the government in a position where it might be difficult to work these changes. He believed that the law would be fair and equitable. All interests had been represented. Each interest said that the law was fair as respected others, but only iniquitous as regarded their particular interest.

John Oliver described the bill as another example of freak legislation by this government. In the Assessment Bill they had an example of the government discriminating in favor of the banks against others; in this bill they had the government discriminating in favor of the Manufacturers' Association as against the other timber men. He objected to the rights obtained by the license being subject to the discretion of the Chief Commissioner, and thus not open to renewal. There was a vast outcry necessary in providing the means of getting the timber to the water. There was no reason why the license should not be guaranteed his limit by paying his rental each year. Under the bill a man's property might be confiscated. The finances had not reached a stage where this was necessary. Under the present government the time might

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Leave.	Arrive.	Leave.	& Wed. Arrive.
Victoria 8:00	12:05	Victoria 3:00	7:05
Shawnigan Lake 10:20	10:45	Shawnigan Lake 5:00	5:40
Duncan 11:00	10:52	Duncan 5:00	5:00
Ladysmith 11:57	9:19	Ladysmith 6:00	4:00
Nanaimo 12:40	8:20	Nanaimo 6:45	3:15
Ar. Wellington 12:53	7:00	Wellington 7:00	2:00

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

(Continued from page 3.)

W. Davidson favored the bill. He was opposed to attacks being made on the character of any one instead of debating the merits of the bill.

T. W. Paterson said that this bill was aimed admittedly at a single corporation. It was well known that the Fernie Coal Company was, according to the contract with the Dominion government, to sell the coal at a certain price at the pit head. He did not know how this would affect the company with respect to this contract. It might be as reasonable to demand of the Island collieries to sell their coal at a certain price. Unless it could be shown that it was the intention to do something in the way of ascertaining if relief was to be given to the Fernie company with regard to this contract, he would oppose the bill. He was opposed to class legislation of any kind. Unfair taxation and class legislation had been responsible in no small way for the bad times which prevailed in the country during the past four years.

F. Carter-Cotton was pleased to see the advance made upon the question of shorter hours of labor. The eight-hour law was passed by a government of which he was a member. It was not done for the purpose of drawing support, because the government of the day had been promised sufficient support to sustain it from the other side of the House if the bill was withdrawn. He heartily supported the measure.

The bill passed its second reading.

Pharmacy Act Amendment.

The House then went into committee on the bill to amend the Pharmacy Act, with R. L. Deury in the chair. The committee rose, and the bill was reported.

Railway Assessment Bill.

On reporting the amendment to the act to assess railway companies, Hon. Mr. Fulton proposed the following amendment:

To strike out section 5 and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

"The land occupied and claimed as the right-of-way for railway by any railway company, and situate without the limits of municipal corporations incorporated

before the 21st day of February, 1895, and other lands occupied by the company for station or engine houses, or freight sheds, or other buildings connected with the actual operation of the railway, and situate without the limits of municipal corporations incorporated before the 21st day of February, 1895, together with the personal property and income of the company, including the rolling stock, shall be assessed and taxed as a whole as real estate, and at the sum of ten thousand dollars per mile of track of the company situate without the limits of any municipality incorporated before the 21st day of February, 1895. The measurement of track shall not include switches, spurs or sidings, but all switches, spurs and sidings of any railway company situate without the limits of any municipality incorporated before the 21st day of February, 1895, shall be assessed and taxed as real estate, and at the sum of three thousand dollars per mile."

In support of this, he admitted that when the objection was raised in committee by the opposition he had been under some misunderstanding as to the working of the present act. He proposed to leave the assessment of sidings at \$3,000 a mile as at present, as he did not think it fair to assess sidings at the same rate as the main lines.

The amendment carried.

The following amendment of Hon. Mr. Fulton also carried:

To strike out sections 6 and 7 and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

"The lands mentioned in sub-section (3) of section 3 hereof situate without the limits of any municipal corporation shall be assessed and taxed as real estate or wild lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 'Assessment Act.'"

J. H. Hawthorthwaite wanted to know what the attitude of the railway companies had been on this proposed legislation, which was apparently done for the purpose of bringing forth the Premier's statement, which followed.

The Premier said that with one exception he believed that all the railway companies had sent representatives against this proposed legislation, which it was urged would prove ruinous to the companies. He quoted a telegram from Sir Thos. Shannoney on the subject in which, on behalf of the C. P. R., he protested against this bill. Sir Thomas described this increase in taxation as apparently brought about by the blunder of the government in constructing the

come when it would be necessary to confiscate a man's property, but it had not yet come. The tax of 35c. a cord on shingle bolts as proposed by the government would take up the full price of the bolts cut on a man's own land. The mills paid only 50c. a thousand for these, and now the government would collect that amount. The same thing was true of railway ties. He felt like putting a stone on the wall in evidence of the generosity of the government in allowing a settler on his own land being allowed to cut his lumber into cordwood free of taxes. The timber men in this district had represented that the effect of this would be to put them out of business. The revenue would then be reduced rather than increased.

In amendment he moved the following resolution:

"That all the words of the resolution after the first word 'that' be struck out, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof. 'Whilst this House approves of the principle of taxing to a reasonable extent the timber cut on other than crown lands, and is also in favor of securing its manufacture in the province of British Columbia; yet we consider that as this proposed bill confiscates to a very large extent the value of the timber on other than crown lands, and would result in the closing up of a number of promising industries, which must draw their supply of lumber from other than crown lands, and would also result in great hardships to actual settlers who rely largely upon the sale of timber upon their homesteads for subsistence whilst clearing their lands, we consider this bill so unreasonable in its provisions, and that it would be so disastrous in its effects, that we are of the opinion that the government should withdraw this bill and should submit a bill which would provide for an increase of revenue and not cripple our industries, but distribute the burden of increased taxation equitably upon those called upon to bear it.'"

Mr. Davidson moved the adjournment of the debate.

Amendment Carried.

The Finance Minister moved the second reading of the amendment to the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which carried.

Bills Reported.

Hon. F. J. Fulton moved the second reading of the Royal Inland Hospital Act 1896. The bill provided as to who should vote at the annual meeting by specifying for the compiling of the list of subscribers.

The bill was committed with Stuart Headman in the chair, and was reported.

The bill to amend the Trail Incorporation Act passed its second reading, and

was committed with W. J. Bowser in the chair. The bill was reported.

The object of the bill was simply to remove the town of Trail from disabilities under which it worked under the present act.

The House then adjourned until 2 o'clock to-day.

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DRILL HALL CONCERT.

The Boys and Fernwoods to Play Basketball To-Morrow Evening.

Baroness Finn has secured a decidedly strong attraction for the Fifth Regiment band promenade concert at the drill hall to-morrow evening, being the game between the James Bay and Fernwood basketball teams. This match as well as being the second game of the local senior league series is also the first game in the provincial championship league series, and the result holds good in both leagues.

The band of the regiment will render some excellent musical numbers, of which the following is the programme:

- PART I.**
Music and Basketball.
March—Officer of the Day HAH
Basketball—J. B. A. A. vs. Fernwood ..
Char. Dance—The White Hats Kammon
Basketball—Second Half
- PART II.**
Music and Promenading.
Selection from The Burgomaster... Luders
Musette—The Celebrated... Padgowski
Waltzes—Helm of Navarre Hirst
Two-Step—Hawallah Blend... Frankenstein
God Save the King.

The attending physician certifies that Herbert Spencer died of senile decay. By his wish the remains will be taken to London and cremated at Hampstead. Nothing is known of the extent of an autobiography of Herbert Spencer, which, it is understood, he has been writing during recent years.

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SITUATION CRITICAL.

Address in Reply to Japanese Emperor's Speech Condemns Cabinet.

Tokio, Dec. 10.—The Emperor opened the Diet this morning. With reference to Russia he only said that his ministers are now conducting, with prudence and circumspection, important international negotiations for the preservation of peace in the Far East and of Japan's rights and interests.

The brevity of the address by the Emperor to the crisis in the Far East caused much disappointment. Soon after the speech from the throne was delivered in the Upper House, the House of Representatives met for the purpose of considering a reply. The reply was almost immediately formulated and was rushed through the House with unusual expedition. It was as follows:

Your Majesty has been gracious enough to personally open the Diet and to deliver a cordial message, which the House has received with great gratitude. The Empire of Japan is now at its zenith. Its position is one unparalleled in the last thousand years. The members of the House of Representatives profoundly regret that, at a juncture so critical, involving the fate of the nation, the course pursued by the cabinet is ill-adapted to the needs of the situation and inconsistent with the enhancement of our national influence. The policy of the ministry has been shown to be incompatible with the progress of the empire and to be the cause of its retrogression. The diplo-macy of the cabinet is a failure, and we humbly appeal to Your Majesty to review the situation. Our solicitude for the progress of the empire dictates this reply, which represents the aspirations and expectations of the nation.

It is understood that this reply was adopted at the instance of the president of the Lower House, and was a complete surprise to the government and its supporters, who had not time to oppose the adoption of the reply, which was approved amid a scene of great enthusiasm.

The members of the government party in the House have vainly tried to persuade the president to reconsider the reply to the Emperor's address. After the adoption of the reply, an interpellation was introduced in the House of Representatives declaring that the delay in the settlement of the negotiations with Russia concerning the Far East was a source of regret to the nation and an element of danger to its peace, and demanding a statement of the progress of the negotiations.

The situation is regarded as extremely critical and is likely to involve the prorogation, if not the dissolution, of parliament.

May Dissolve.

London, Dec. 11.—The correspondent of the Times at Tokio cables as follows: "It is practically certain that the House of Representatives will be dissolved to-morrow."

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MUNICIPAL.

Collector's List of Lands or Improvements on Real Property Within the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

To be Sold for Taxes, Interest and Costs on the THIRTIETH DAY of December, 1903, at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., at 12 o'clock noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1903," unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid. If sold, the said Lands and Improvements will be chargeable with a proportion of the Legal Costs of and incidental to the obtaining of the Judge's Order confirming such Sale.

Lot	Block	Section	Land and Improvements	Assessed Owner	Registered Owner	Real Property Tax due to the 31st Dec. 1903, 25th Nov. 1903.	Chattel Tax due to the 31st Dec. 1903, 25th Nov. 1903.	Interest on Taxes and Costs due to the 31st Dec. 1903, 25th Nov. 1903.	Total amount of Taxes, Interest and Costs due to the 31st Dec. 1903, 25th Nov. 1903.
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The Reeves met the municipal committee of the House to-day and presented before them their proposed amendments to the different acts. These include a number of changes to the Municipal Clauses Act, the Election Act and the Dyking Act. The committee will consider them in connection with other changes which may be asked to the acts.

All the material that will be used in the construction of the superstructure of the Point Ellice bridge has arrived. Five carloads reached the city yesterday via the E. & N. railway, and seven to-day. It is being transferred to the scene of operations to-day, and work will be commenced almost immediately. Thirty men will be employed, and with this force one span will be completed each week.

All the properties and costumes of Nancy O'Neill, the San Francisco actress, and McKee Rankin were attached on Wednesday by Wm. Cleveland, manager of the Cleveland theatre, Chicago, where for the last month Miss O'Neill and Rankin have been filling an engagement. Affidavit was made by Cleveland that the actress and Rankin were, in his belief, about to dispose of their property, leave the state and defraud him of his several hundred dollars advance expenses.

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And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.
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- 4. Baritone Solo—Toreador Song (Bizet)..... Sung by Sig. Campanari
- 5. Soprano Solo—Jewel Song from Faust (Gounod)..... Sung by Suzanne Adams
- 6. Bass Solo—Porter Song from Martha (Flotow)..... Sung by Edouard de Reszke
- 7. Contralto Solo—Arioso from Le Prophete (Meyerbeer)..... Sung by Mad. Schumann Heink
- 8. Baritone Solo—Prologue from Il Pagliaccio..... Sung by Sig. Scotti

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